

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, comprising:

display means for displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information, respectively, on a display screen;

first discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

second discriminating means for discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discriminating means, at least one computer that has a license server function;

third ~~second~~ discriminating means for discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by said ~~first~~ second discriminating means, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a predetermined license to said data processing apparatus; and

first control means for controlling said display means to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated by said ~~second~~ third discriminating means such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is

distinguished from computers that ~~do not have the license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating means.

2. (Canceled)

3. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising:

~~third~~ fourth discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by said data processing apparatus;

second control means for controlling the server device discriminated by said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating means such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

selecting means for selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

service supplying means for supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected by said selecting means.

4. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the common service which is supplied by said service supplying means includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.

5. (Currently Amended) A data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, comprising:

display means for displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices, respectively, on a display screen;

first discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

second discriminating means for discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discriminating means, at least one computer that has a license server function;

third ~~second~~ discriminating means for discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by said ~~first~~ second discriminating means, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a license to at least said data processing apparatus; and

first control means for controlling said display means to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated by said ~~second~~ third discriminating means such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is distinguished from computers that ~~do not have the license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating means.

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) An apparatus according to claim 5, further comprising:

~~third~~ fourth discriminating means for discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by said data processing apparatus;

second control means for controlling the server device discriminated by said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating means such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

selecting means for selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

service supplying means for supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected by said selecting means.

8. (Previously Presented) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein the common service which is supplied by said service supplying means includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.

9. (Currently Amended) A data processing method in a data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, comprising:

a display step of displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information, respectively, on a display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discrimination step, at least one computer that has a license server function;

a third discriminating ~~second discrimination~~ step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by the ~~first~~ second discriminating step, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a predetermined license to at least the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling the display step to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated in said ~~second~~ third discriminating step such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is distinguished from computers that ~~do not have the license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating step.

10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 9, further comprising:

a ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by the data processing apparatus;

a second control step of controlling the server device discriminated in said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected in said selecting step.

12. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 11, wherein the common service which is supplied in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.

13. (Currently Amended) A data processing method in a data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, comprising:

a display step of displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices, respectively, on a display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discrimination step, at least one computer that has a license server function;

a ~~second~~ third discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by the ~~first~~ second discriminating step, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a license to at least the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling said display step to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated in said ~~second~~ third discriminating step such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is distinguished from computers that ~~do not have th license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating step.

14. (Canceled)

15. (Currently Amended) A method according to claim 13, further comprising:

a ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by the data processing apparatus;

a second control step of controlling the server device discriminated in said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected in said selecting step.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 15, wherein the common service which is supplied in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.

17. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program which may be executed by a computer of a data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, wherein the computer program implements a data processing method of the data processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a display step of displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices as symbol information, respectively, on a display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discrimination step, at least one computer that has a license server function;



a ~~second~~ third discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by the ~~first~~ second discriminating step, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a predetermined license to at least the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling said display step to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated in said ~~second~~ third discriminating step such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is distinguished from computers that ~~do not have the license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating step.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 17, wherein the method further comprises:

a ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by the data processing apparatus;

a second control step of controlling the server device discriminated in said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the predetermined license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected in said selecting step.

20. (Previously Presented) A medium according to claim 19, wherein the common service which is supplied in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.

21. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable storage medium storing a computer program which may be executed by a computer of a data processing apparatus that communicates data through a network to each of a plurality of computers and a plurality of peripheral devices connected to the network, wherein the computer program implements a data processing method of the data processing apparatus, the method comprising:

a display step of displaying the plurality of computers and the plurality of peripheral devices, respectively, on a display screen;

a first discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, at least one computer that has a server function;

a second discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the server function discriminated by said first discrimination step, at least one computer that has a license server function;

a ~~second~~ third discriminating step of discriminating, from the at least one computer that has the license server function discriminated by the ~~first~~ second discriminating step, a license management server computer that is used by said data processing apparatus and has a license server function for issuing a license to at least the data processing apparatus; and

a first control step of controlling said display step to display as a visual symbol the license management server computer discriminated in said ~~second~~ third discriminating step such that the license management server computer ~~may be~~ is distinguished from computers that ~~do not have the license server function~~ are not discriminated by said third discriminating step.

22. (Canceled)

23. (Currently Amended) A medium according to claim 21, wherein the method further comprises:

a ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step of discriminating, from the plurality of computers, a server device having an image input server function which may be used by the data processing apparatus;

a second control step of controlling the server device discriminated in said ~~third~~ fourth discriminating step such that the server device may be identified from other devices on the display screen;

a selecting step of selecting a symbol on the display screen; and

a service supplying step of supplying a common service to each of a plurality of licensee computers to which the license has been issued from the license management server computer, when the license management server computer and the server device have been selected in said selecting step.

24. (Previously Presented) A medium according to claim 23, wherein the common service which is supplied in said service supplying step includes a distribution service for distributing a same data to each of the licensee computers.